

08-405 Corrections Services - Avoyelles Correctional Center

The Avoyelles Correctional Center (AVC), located in Avoyelles Parish, outside Cottonport, opened in October 1990. The prison is located on a 1,187-acre tract that includes 38 acres of vegetable fields and 80 acres on which the institution itself is sited. Inmate living areas include four dormitories (including an honor dorm for inmates who maintain a very good institutional conduct record) and a working cellblock for maximum custody inmates whose institutional conduct precludes assignment to minimum or medium custody dormitories. Current operational capacity is 1,538. In February 1993, the AVC began operating under the unit management concept, in which Corrections Security Officer majors serve as unit managers. This concept allows for more defined areas of responsibility and accountability. The AVC received American Correctional Association accreditation in December 1992 and was released from the federal consent decree in 1997.

The mission of the Avoyelles Correctional Center is to provide for the custody, control, care, and treatment of adjudicated offenders through enforcement of laws and implementation of programs designed to ensure the safety of the public, staff and inmates and to reintegrate offenders into society.

The goals of the Avoyelles Correctional Center are:

1. Maximize public safety through appropriate and effective custodial and supervisory programs.
2. Provide for the safety of correctional staff and inmates by maintaining an organized and disciplined system of operations that promotes stability in institutional and other field operations.
3. Ensure that basic services relating to adequate food, clothing, medical care, and shelter are provided to the inmate population.
4. Provide an environment that enables behavior change by making rehabilitative opportunities available for inmates who demonstrate motivation for change and the desire to participate in rehabilitative programs.

The Avoyelles Correctional Center has four programs: Administration, Incarceration, Rehabilitation, and Health Services.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	ACTUAL 1998-1999	ACT 10 1999- 2000	EXISTING 1999- 2000	CONTINUATION 2000 - 2001	RECOMMENDED 2000 - 2001	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$14,225,034	\$15,320,666	\$15,331,968	\$16,353,623	\$15,910,382	\$578,414
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	62,808	62,808	62,808	62,808	62,808	0
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	1,046,072	1,126,596	1,126,596	1,126,596	1,136,596	10,000
Statutory Dedications	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$15,333,914	\$16,510,070	\$16,521,372	\$17,543,027	\$17,109,786	\$588,414
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Administration	\$1,210,346	\$1,667,756	\$1,667,756	\$1,948,399	\$1,762,164	\$94,408
Incarceration	11,371,152	11,820,052	11,831,354	12,462,512	12,232,025	400,671
Rehabilitation	153,463	177,709	177,709	190,244	182,916	5,207
Health Services	1,810,005	1,914,553	1,914,553	2,011,872	2,002,681	88,128
Auxiliary Account	788,948	930,000	930,000	930,000	930,000	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$15,333,914	\$16,510,070	\$16,521,372	\$17,543,027	\$17,109,786	\$588,414
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS: Classified	387	387	387	387	387	0
Unclassified	4	4	4	4	4	0
TOTAL	391	391	391	391	391	0

This agency recommended appropriation includes \$69,870 for short term debt, including Lease Purchase Agreements.

This agency does not have any long-term debt for Fiscal Year 2000-2001.

This agency's recommended appropriation also includes the following amount by means of financing for payments on the unfunded accrued liability of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System in accordance with the provisions of Article X, Section 29 of the Constitution of Louisiana:

State General Fund (Direct)	\$611,912
Total	\$611,912